

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Atty JRL-4000-3  
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DREYER

Serial No. 10/606,783

Filed: June 27, 2003

Title: CONVEYOR IDLER



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Examiner: Hess, Douglas A.

Date: September 12, 2007

**Mail Stop Petition**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**

**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment **18** minus highest number  
previously paid for **43** (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment **2** minus highest number  
previously paid for **7** (at least 3) = 0 x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add  
\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this  
paper and attachment(s)  
One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)  
Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)  
Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253)  
Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254)  
Five Month Extensions \$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255) \$

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$180.00 (1806) \$ 0.00

Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) \$ 0.00

Other: **Petition Under Rule 137(a) to Revive an Unavoidably Abandoned Application (2452)** \$ **250.00**

**TOTAL FEE \$ 250.00**

☒ **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM ATTACHED.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Sir:

**RENEWED PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER RULE 181 AND PETITION UNDER RULE 137(A) TO REVIVE AN  
UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED APPLICATION**

In response to the petition decision mailed August 28, 2007, the petitioner requests reconsideration and specifically petitions under 37 CFR 1.137(a) to revive this unavoidably abandoned application. The facts and arguments set forth in the petition dated June 28, 2007 are incorporated here by reference. In short, Applicant responded to the final action with an amendment filed on May 9, 2006. Primary Examiner Hess provided *written* correspondence with the official USPTO seal on the facsimile cover sheet dated August 1, 2006 (copy attached as Exhibit A in the initial petition) providing Applicant with a copy of an official Notice of Allowance form for this application. The Primary Examiner stated *in writing* that the Notice of Allowance "is in our system so the

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case will not go abandoned. Your time period will start upon official mailing of this Notice of Allowance.” (Emphasis added).

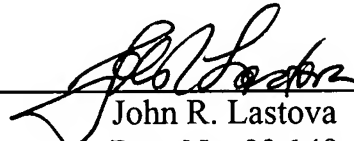
Applicant understandably and reasonably relied on this written official communication from the Primary Examiner. Periodic phone calls were made to Examiner Hess to determine the status of the application, including telephone voicemails on August 31, 2006 and October 1, 2006, a written Status Inquiry filed March 6, 2007, and a further telephone voicemail left for Examiner Hess on April 23, 2007. In a telephone call from Examiner Hess in early May of 2007, Examiner Hess apologized that the case had “fallen through the cracks” and unfortunately had not been acted upon by the Patent Office for nearly ten months and that another reissue reviewing Examiner had found additional items that needed correction before Examiner Hess could allow the application. Given the facts in this case, and in particular, Applicant’s reasonable reliance on the written official communication from the Primary Examiner and Applicant’s diligent follow-up with the Primary Examiner, the delay was clearly unavoidable. A petition to revive was filed within one month of the notice of abandonment. The reply required to the outstanding office action was submitted with the initial petition. The petition fee under for a small entity of \$250 is submitted. If some other fee is required, then authority is given to charge such fee to our deposit account No. 14-1140. Having satisfied all the requirements under 37 CFR 1.137(a), revival is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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37 C.F.R. 1.6 sets forth the types of correspondence that can be communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office via facsimile transmissions. Applicants are advised to use the certificate of facsimile transmission procedures when submitting a reply to a non-final or final Office action by facsimile (37 CFR 1.8(a)).

#### Fax Notes:

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John,  
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Thanks  
Doug

*[Handwritten signature]*

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**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/606,783

**Applicant(s)**

DREYER, TERTIUS F.

**Examiner**

Douglas A. Hess

**Art Unit**

3651

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final amendment filed 5-9-06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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